

House Resolution 50 - Reprinted

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50
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1 3 A Resolution requesting the establishment of an
1 4 interim study committee by the legislative
1 5 council to conduct a study of issues related to the
1 6 costs of professional liability (malpractice)
1 7 insurance for health care providers in Iowa.
1 8 WHEREAS, medical liability insurance covers health
1 9 care providers and health care facilities for
1 10 liability claims arising from the examination, care,
1 11 and treatment of health care patients; and
1 12 WHEREAS, the cost of medical liability insurance
1 13 has increased, limiting access to quality health care
1 14 in Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,
1 15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
1 16 That the legislative council is requested to establish
1 17 a medical liability insurance interim committee. The
1 18 purpose of the interim committee shall be to provide
1 19 regulatory agencies and the general assembly with
1 20 possible solutions to alleviate problems regarding the
1 21 availability and affordability of medical liability
1 22 insurance in Iowa. The interim committee may
1 23 consider, but not be limited to considering, a broad
1 24 range of factors affecting the availability and
1 25 affordability of medical liability insurance in Iowa,
1 26 including medical malpractice incidents over the past
1 27 five years, the premium amounts charged by medical
1 28 liability insurers, the type of damages awarded in
1 29 medical liability actions, insurance regulatory
1 30 requirements, and applicable federal and state law,
2 1 including a review of chapter 519A, Iowa's medical
2 2 malpractice insurance statute.
2 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the legislative
2 4 council shall select the members of the committee,
2 5 which shall include three members of the house of
2 6 representatives, two members appointed by the speaker
2 7 of the house and one member appointed by the minority
2 8 leader, four members from the senate, appointed by the
2 9 co-presidents of the senate, all of whom shall be
2 10 voting members; and representatives of medical
2 11 liability insurers, health care professionals and
2 12 health care facilities that purchase medical liability
2 13 insurance, attorneys that represent plaintiffs in
2 14 medical liability actions, attorneys that represent
2 15 defendants in medical liability actions, and any other
2 16 parties or experts as deemed appropriate by the
2 17 legislative council, all of whom shall be nonvoting
2 18 members; and
2 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee
2 20 shall submit a report to the general assembly on or
2 21 before January 15, 2006, regarding the committee's
2 22 findings and recommended solutions, including proposed
2 23 legislation, to make medical liability insurance more
2 24 available and more affordable in Iowa.
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